MAR 2 3 20

03-24-04

AP/ 3+53/

IN THE UNRED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/980,431

Filing Date: 3/27/02

Priority Date: 4 December 2000

Inventor: YONNET, Claude

For: PILOT VALVE

Examiner: Krishnamurthy, Ramesh

Art Unit: 3753

**AMENDMENT** 

RECEIVED

MAR 2 6 2004

**TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700** 

**Director For Patents** 

Mail Stop: Amendment With Extension

P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 12/23/2303, the Applicant requests the aboveidentified application to be re-examined in view of the following amendments and remarks:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

Commissioner for Palents and Trademarks, Box 1450

Alexandria, VA-22313-1450,

03/25/2004 WABDELR1 00000085 09980431

01 FC:1201

344.00 OP

1